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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR
YOUNG ON MAY 3, 1978 AFTER SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED
RESOLUTION 427 ON ENLARGEMENT OF UNIFIL.

BEGIN TEXT: MY REMARKS WILL BE VERY BRIEF, MR. PRESIDENT,
SINCE MY GOVERNMENT STATED ITS VIEWS FULLY ON THE SUBJECT
OF UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION

425 AT THE RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON UNIFIL FINANCING. INDEED, AS MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL ARE AWARE, MY GOVERNMENT DID NOT BELIEVE THIS FORMAL MEETING WAS NECESSARY, BUT CONSIDERED THAT THE ISSUE BEFORE US SHOULD APPROPRIATELY HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. IN THE END, WE ACQUIESCED BECAUSE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE FORCE ENLARGEMENT REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS SOMEWHAT OUT OF THE ORDINARY. NOW THAT THE COUNCIL HAS ACTED IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT ALL MEMBERS WILL SUPPORT THE U.N. FORCE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT IT CARRY OUT ITS DIFFICULT TASK.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REQUEST THAT THIS COUNCIL CONSENT TO HIS INTENTION TO ENLARGE UNIFIL BY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 MEN HAS MY GOVERNMENT'S COMPLETE AGREEMENT. THE NUMBER OF TROOPS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECTIVES DECIDED UPON BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS CLEARLY A MATTER THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HIS COMMANDER IN THE FIELD ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO JUDGE. SINCE IT IS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO HAS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, MY GOVERNMENT DEFERS ENTIRELY TO HIS JUDGEMENT IN MATTERS OF THIS KIND.

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MR. PRESIDENT, THE MEN OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT THEIR PEACEKEEPING MISSION WITH SKILL, DEDICATION, AND COURAGE. A NUMBER OF THEM HAVE BEEN KILLED, WOUNDED, OR INJURED IN VARIOUS INCIDENTS. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE U.N. FORCES HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED MORE SHARPLY BY HOSTILE ELEMENTS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND MORE MEN OF THE U.N. HAVE DIED OR HAVE BEEN WOUNDED.

THE UNITED STATES CONDEMNS THESE ATTACKS ON THE U.N. FORCE WHICH IS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON TO RESTORE STABILITY AND KEEP THE PEACE. EVERYONE IN A POSITION TO BRING THE IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS TO ACCOUNT SHOULD DO SO WITHOUT DELAY. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, SENEGAL AND SWEDEN, WHOSE CONTINGENTS HAVE HAD MEN DIE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR IMPORTANT MISSION, AND TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED AND INJURED.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED THE ESSENTIALITY OF COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON AT AN EARLY DATE. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT ISRAEL'S

WITHDRAWAL IS CONTINUING ON SCHEDULE AND THAT PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT ISRAEL WILL COMPLY
FULLY WITH RESOLUTION 425.

IN CONCLUSION, I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS MY
GOVERNMENT'S PROFOUND ADMIRATION FOR THE COURAGE AND
DEDICATION WITH WHICH UNIFIL IS CARRYING OUT THE DIFFICULT
ASSIGNMENT ENTRUSTED TO IT. THE U.N. HAS NOT SHIRKED
ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO IDENTIFY UNDESIREABLE ARMED
ELEMENTS AND STRICTLY CONTROL MOVEMENT INTO ITS AREA
OF OPERATIONS. IT HAS THE DUTY TO DISARM SUCH ELEMENTS
AND SEND THEM BACK, AND IT HAS DONE SO WITH VIGOR AND
EFFECTIVENESS. THE RESPONSIBILITY NOW LIES WITH ALL
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS -- INDEED WITH ALL WHO
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JUST PEACE BE REACHED IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- TO
ENSURE THAT FULL RESPECT BE ACCORDED THE U.N. FORCE
AND THAT ATTACKS BY IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS CEASE
ENTIRELY. END TEXT. YOUNG

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